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Maintenance of the Mantralamma-Kanama Road.

*630 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the suggestion made by the District Board Engineer, Kurnool, that the Mantralamma-Kanama Road, i.e., Bellary-Guntur Road, should be made a first-class trunk road and maintained by the Government and if they have considered, what they have decided to do; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of improving and maintaining the road from Rollapenta to Petcheruvu in view of the suggestions made by the District Board Engineer and if so, what they have decided to do?

A.—(*a*) The proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) The suggestion is under consideration along with the proposal for the construction of a road to Srisailam.

Access of depressed classes to wells or tanks under local bodies.

*631 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any wells or tanks in charge of local bodies to which access is denied to members of the depressed classes; and

(*b*) whether any Government Order or circular has at any time been issued declaring that such public wells and tanks should be open to the use and enjoyment of all classes of people, irrespective of caste and creed?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information whether there are any tanks or wells in charge of local bodies to which access is denied to members of the depressed classes.

(*b*) A copy of the Government Order [a] (G.O. No. 2660, L. & M., dated the 25th September 1924) on the subject is placed on the table.

Mr. M V. GANGADHARA SIVA:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for information regarding clause (*a*), Sir?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir."

Publication in the Gazette of the names of members elected to the East Godavari District Board.

*632 Q.—Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that eight members were elected from the Rajahmundry Taluk Board to the East Godavari District Board on 1st September 1928;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the President, Rajahmundry Taluk Board, despatched the list of names so elected to the President, East Godavari District Board, and to the Government;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the names were not gazetted; and if so, why;

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(*d*) whether it is a fact that the President, East Godavari District Board, although he received the names from the President, Rajahmundry Taluk Board, has not forwarded them to the Government; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to make arrangements for gazetting the names at once?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The letter of the President of the East Godavari District Board forwarding the names of members elected to the District Board by the Rajahmundry Taluk Board was received by Government and after disposal of an objection to the validity of the election the names were published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 2nd October 1928.

Medical

Extension of the Royapetta Hospital buildings.

*633 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan:—Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a few houses in Kasim Sahib street abut into the compound of the Royapetta Hospital;

(*b*) whether they are in a most insanitary condition;

(*c*) whether there were several cases of cholera in these houses last year;

(*d*) whether cholera actually originated there in the Royapetta division;

(*e*) whether His Excellency the Governor, Lady Goschen, the medical officers in charge of the hospital and repeated memorials received from the public have urged the necessity of removing these houses and expanding the compound of the hospital;

(*f*) whether the scheme of expansion has been held up pending the removal of the Tuberculosis Hospital;

(*g*) how many years it is likely to take to bring this about; and

(*h*) whether, pending this scheme, the Government will, as an urgent measure, consider the advisability of acquiring those few houses in the compound?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have no definite information but a memorial received from certain residents in July last contained the statement that there were cases of cholera in three of those houses last year.

(*d*) No. The epidemic broke out at the end of June 1927, but no case was reported for Royapetta until the third week of July.

(*e*) Memorials to the effect mentioned in the question have been received by the Government. A suggestion to the same effect has also been made by Viscountess Goschen in the visitors' book of the hospital.

(*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) The Government have decided that any scheme for the improvement of this hospital must take its place with reference to the claims of other hospitals in the city and the mufassal for expansion.